



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
COMMANDER FIGHTER WING ONE
NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23460

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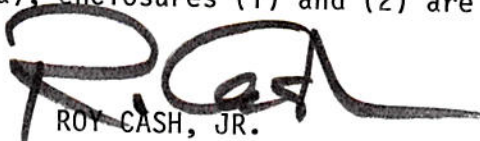
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To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)
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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History for CY 1983
(2) Commander's Biography and Photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.


ROY CASH, JR.

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COMFITWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY

Calendar Year 1983

1. Basic Historical Narrative

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
15-18 FEB	SEABAT 2-83 (large-scale fleet air defense electronic warfare exercise) conducted off the Virginia Capes.
19-22 APR	SEABAT 3-83 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
21 MAY	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE change of command. Captain Richard M. Vance relieved by Commander H. M. Kleemann
9 JUL	Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE change of command. Commander K. L. Blood relieved by Commander C. F. Long.
12-15 JUL	SEABAT 4-83 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
4-6 OCT	SEABAT 1-84 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
7 OCT	Fighter Wing ONE change of command. Captain Fredrick L. Lewis relieved by Captain Roy Cash, Jr.
14 OCT	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE change of command. Captain Aubrey L. Wise relieved by Captain W. J. Denning.

2. Command Organization

(a) Commander. Captain Roy Cash, Jr., USN. A biography and photograph of Captain Cash are included as enclosure (2).

(b) Mission of the Command. The Commander Fighter Wing ONE has overall responsibility for those squadrons and units assigned and for the continuing material readiness and type training of all fleet fighter squadrons on the Atlantic coast. These units consist of 12 fleet squadrons, three training squadrons and one Fleet Composite Squadron. Although this basic responsibility extends throughout the employment cycle of individual fleet squadrons, direct management control is exercised by the Wing Commander only when these squadrons are shorebased at NAS Oceana, Virginia.

(c) Command Relationship. Commander Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic. COMFITWING ONE has been assigned to act as Commander Fleet Air Detachment Administration of NAS Oceana and coordinates activities within the command area.

Enclosure (1)

3. Safety. During calendar year 1983, Fighter Wing ONE aircraft flew a total of 68,566 hours and suffered six Class 'A' mishaps. This resulted in an accident rate of 8.75 as compared to rates of 8.74 and 4.52 during CY 82 and CY 81, respectively.

4. Awards. The following personnel were awarded Navy Achievement Medals in calendar year 1983:

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CAPTAIN ROY CASH, JR.

Commander Fighter Wing ONE

Captain Roy Cash, Jr. graduated from Memphis State University in 1962 and was commissioned in May 1963 after completion of Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, R.I.

Shortly thereafter, Captain Cash reported to Pensacola for Naval Aviation Observer (NAO) training. Following his designation as (NAO), he reported to VF-101 at NAS Key West for F-4B training and then to VF-41 at NAS Oceana. After a ten month tour in VF-41, which included a NATO cruise and a short visit to the western Mediterranean, Captain Cash was ordered back to Pensacola to begin flight training, becoming the first F-4 RIO to "retread."

Following his designation as naval aviator, Captain Cash reported once again to VF-101 for F-4B training and then to VF-33 aboard USS AMERICA in the Mediterranean. Following an eight month deployment, VF-33 returned to NAS Oceana and became one of the first squadrons to transition to the new F-4J. In 1968, the "Tarsiers" deployed to WESTPAC aboard USS AMERICA. Captain Cash flew over 130 combat missions; and on 10 July, he was credited with downing a MIG-21, the first by an F-4J, and the first MIG kill of the Vietnam conflict by an AIRLANT squadron. Following his tour with VF-33, Captain Cash reported to the 58th Tactical Fighter Wing, Luke AFB in Phoenix, Arizona, for an exchange tour with the USAF.

In August 1971, Captain Cash reported to VF-121 at NAS Miramar for refresher training in the F-4J and then joined VF-213. He made two extended deployments to WESTPAC with the "Black Lions," including a ten month combat cruise to Southeast Asia where he flew another 175 missions, bringing his total to over 300. Subsequent tours of duty included the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. and OPNAV in Washington, D.C. in the Systems Analysis Division (OP-96). After his tour in the Pentagon, Captain Cash came back to "Fighter Country" at NAS Oceana for F-4J refresher training and then reported to VF-31 as Executive Officer in May 1978. He assumed command of VF-31 in August 1979. Captain Cash has subsequently commanded Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) at NAS Miramar and Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN aboard USS Coral Sea.

Captain Cash's military awards include the Silver Star Medal, 18 Air Medals, both the Navy and Air Force Commendation Medals, various Navy and Air Force unit, campaign and service awards and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with gold star.

He is a native of (b) (6) and is married to the former (b) (6). They have a daughter, (b) (6), and a son (b) (6). Captain Cash assumed command of Fighter Wing ONE on 7 October 1983.

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